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LILAC NEWS

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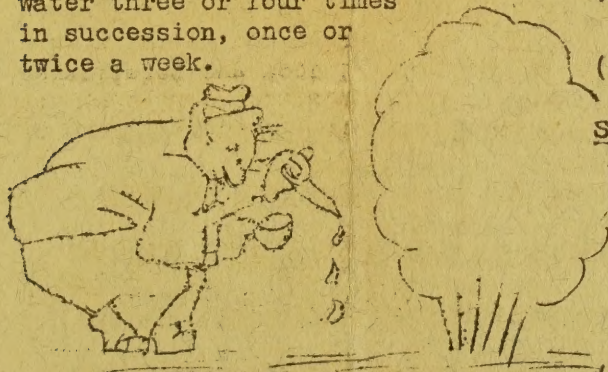
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HOT? DRY?

In much of the U.S. it certainly was just that this summer. Well established own root lilacs can take a lot of punishment, but any lilac will be happier with a good supply of moisture, and young stock not yet fully established needs it badly at such a time. With water often rationed during such periods, what can you do? **IMPROVE THE SOIL** to hold moisture better - working in vermiculite is helpful - compost is better since it provides good plant food as well as holding moisture - peat moss is not recommended because of its acidity. Keep ground around lilacs **FREE OF GRASS AND WEEDS** that take water from the soil. **MULCH** to hold soil temperature lower and reduce evaporation - almost any form of coarse hay or straw will work. Sawdust isn't recommended; it tends to take nitrogen from the soil. To provide newly planted stock with sufficient moisture during dry spells or as a "pick-me-up" for well established plants, **MAKE THE DIRT AROUND THE BUSH INTO A GOOD-SIZED SAUCER** edged with a 3-inch "dike" of earth; fill the saucer with water three or four times in succession, once or twice a week.



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Three big, beautiful 2-3' plants - all double flowered - for only \$5.49

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One plant of CONGO (bright red-purple) and one LUCIE BALTET (shell pink)

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These two varieties, 2½'-3', for the Special Combination Price of only \$4.49

(2-2½' size mailable; 2½'-3' size goes Express)

PARCEL POST CHARGES

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EAST OF MISS. RIVER: 1 plant...45¢ ^{ance.}


Additional plants.10¢ each

MISS. TO ROCKIES: 1 plant...60¢

Additional plants.10¢ each

ROCKIES TO PACIFIC: 1 plant...90¢

Additional plants.15¢ each



ADDITIONAL LISTINGS

MONTAIGNE (double lilac-pink)

12-18", \$2.00; 18-24", \$2.50;
2-2½', \$3.00

PRES. POINCARÉ (showy reddish

violet double) 12-18",
\$3.20; 18-24", \$3.60;
2-2½', \$4.00

WALDECK ROUSSEAU (lilac-pink double)

12-18", \$2.50; 2-2½', \$3.50;
2½'-3', \$4.00; 3-4', \$4.75

GLORY (spectacular

Havemeyer origination with huge florets up to 1½ inches across; magenta single)

12-18", \$3.50; 18-24", \$4.00

MACROSTACHYA

(flesh-pink) single) 12-18", \$2.00;

18-24", \$2.50; 2-2½',
\$3.00

FOUNTAIN (Swegiflexa Hybrid; late-

blooming) clusters of delicate rose-pink florets droop in graceful fountain-like fashion)

18-24", \$3.00; 2-2½',
\$3.50

POCOHONTAS (Dilatata

Hybrid; red-purple single)

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\$3.00; 2-2½', \$3.50

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BELLE DE NANCY (lilac-rose double)

3'.....\$4.25

BLEUATRE (blue single)

5½'.....\$6.50 6'.....\$7.00

CONGO (bright red-purple single)

3'.....\$4.25 3½'.....\$5.00

EVANGELINE (lavender-rose double; early blooming)

4'.....\$7.00

HUGO KOSTER (amethyst-violet single)

3-3½'...\$4.50

LUCIE BALLET (shell-pink single)

3-3½'...\$4.50 3½'-4'...\$5.25

MME. F. MOREL (rose-violet single)

3½'.....\$6.00

OLIVIER DE SERRES (deep bluish violet

double) 3½'...\$6.50 4'...\$7.25

PRESIDENT LOUBET (crimson-purple

double) 3½'...\$6.00

PROFESSOR SARGENT (reddish violet

single) 3½'...\$5.00

UNCLE TOM (deep red-purple single)

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WALDECK ROUSSEAU (lilac-pink double)

3'.....\$5.00

WILLIAM ROBINSON (lilac-pink double)

3'.....\$4.50